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R 021444Z SEP 76  
FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4765  
INFO AMCONSUL ISTANBUL  
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AMCONSUL THESSALONIKI  
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E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, PFOR, TU  
SUBJECT: REINTRODUCTION OF AIRLINE SERVICE BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY

1. TURKISH PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1 THAT  
THY AND OLYMPIC AIRLINES HAVE AGREED TO RESUME AIR TRAFFIC  
BETWEEN ATHENS--ISTANBUL AND ATHENS--IZMIR BY INDIRECT ROUTE. THY  
HAS CONFIRMED TO CONGEN ISTANBUL THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE  
HAS BEEN REACHED BUT THAT NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET FOR  
INITIATION OF SERVICES.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, THY HAS BEEN GIVEN PER-  
MISSION TO FLY SEVEN ROUND-TRIPS PER WEEK BETWEEN  
ISTANBUL AND ATHENS VIA SOFIA AND THREE ROUND-TRIPS PER WEEK  
BETWEEN IZMIR AND ATHENS VIA RHODES. OLYMPIC AIRLINES IN  
TURN WILL BE PERMITTED THREE ROUND-TRIPS PER WEEK BETWEEN  
ATHENS AND ISTANBUL VIA THESSALONIKI AND KAVALA.

3. COMMENT: WHILE WE WOULD NOT WANT TO READ TOO  
MUCH INTO A COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENT, THIS COULD BE A  
FIRST STEP IN AN UNDERSTANDING LEADING TO A SOLUTION OF  
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DISPUTES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY OVER FLIGHT-INFORMATION  
REGIONS. IN ADDITION, OPENING ATHENS-IZMIR AND

ISTANBUL-ATHENS TO MORE REGULAR AIR SERVICE WILL HELP  
NORMALIZE TRAVEL BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AT PRESENT,  
AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN ATHENS AND ISTANBUL HAS BEEN RESTRICTED  
TO ONE AIR FRANCE FLIGHT PER DAY, ALMOST ALWAYS OVERBOOKED.  
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